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HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes
John Lewis Conference Center
May 24, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commission President Angelica Solis-Montero called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. along with Commission Vice President Courtney Morgan-Greene and Commissioners Pierre Arreola, Enrique de la Cruz, Melissa Grant, Brittany McKinley, Maria Roman-Taylorson, and Brooke Wirtschafter in attendance.

Commissioner Candice Cho arrived at 12:05 p.m. while Commissioners Michele Reed and Rosa Russell arrived at 12:07 p.m.

Those also in attendance included Capri Maddox, General Manager; Claudia Luna, Assistant General Manager; Kim Kasreliovich, Assistant General Manager; Barak Vaughn, Deputy City Attorney; Heather Aubry, Assistant City Attorney; Nicole Gougis, Assistant City Attorney; Joumana Silyan-Saba, Director of Policy and Discrimination Enforcement; Francisco Ortega, Senior Project Coordinator; Liliana Villa, Human Relations Advocate; and James K. Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II.

A quorum was established and the meeting proceeded.

President Solis-Montero welcomed the newly appointed Commissioners and gave them an opportunity to introduce themselves. The new Commissioners joining for their first meeting are Pierre Arreola, Candice Cho, Enrique de la Cruz, Melissa Grant, Brittany McKinley, and Michele Reed.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

The public comment period was opened. There were no speakers to address the Commission. Therefore, public comment was closed.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Commission reviewed the Minutes of the April 26, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Wirschafter made a motion to approve the minutes as amended by Commissioner Morgan-Greene who made corrections to the Ad hoc Committee updates. Commissioner Russell seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Wirschafter
Seconded: Russell
Ayes: Morgan-Greene, Solis-Montero, Roman-Taylorson
Abstain: Arreola, Cho, de la Cruz, Grant, McKinley, Reed

Vote: 11 - 0

The motion passed.

4. BROWN ACT TRAINING

Deputy City Attorney Barak Vaughn reviewed the Brown Act and responded to questions from the Commission.

5. DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Capri Maddox, General Manager, Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department, gave an update on the Department’s activities and goals. She introduced the Civil Rights team members in attendance, Claudia Luna, Assistant General Manager; Joumana Silyan-Saba, Director of Policy and Discrimination Enforcement; Scott Lee, Director of Legislative and Community Affairs; Francisco Ortega, Senior Project Coordinator; Tajwar Khan, Communications Deputy; Liliana Villa, Human Relations Advocate; and James Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II. She highlighted a float ride with the Bangladeshi Community; the LA Pride Parade; the Skid Row Peace and Healing Center launch; the LA Civil Rights Open House Mixer; The launch of LA Repair participatory budgeting program; and the acquisition of LAisforeveryone.com. She shared the LA Civil Rights Overview Deck for May 2023. This presentation can be viewed at civilandhumanrights.lacity.gov.

6. PRESENTATION

Mary Kohav, Vice President of Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and Community Engagement for the Jewish Federation presented *Jewish LA: The Power of Community*;

Juily Phun, Ph.D. Asian/Asian American Studies and College of Ethnic Studies, Cal State LA shared a presentation, *Pacific Islander and Asian American Heritage’s Rich History of Radicalism and Radical Friendships*; and

Francisco Ortega, Senior Project Coordinator, LA Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department shared his presentation *Events and Tools Used by the Commission to Combat Challenges in the Community*.

7. TAC REPORT

Karina Samala, Chair of the Transgender Advisory Council gave an update on the recent activities of the TAC. She spoke about their goals and upcoming events.

8. AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES

Commissioner Morgan-Greene shared the Young Adult Dinner Dialogues Ad hoc update. Barak Vaughn, Deputy City Attorney spoke on a Bylaws Ad hoc Committee.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Solis-Montero announced that the next regular Commission meeting will be held on June 28, 2023. Francisco Ortega asked Commissioners to support the monthly LAPD new recruits graduation event.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.